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Claims Nos.: 50-52 (partially)

Present claims 50-52 relate to a compound/method defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely suppress the activity of a selected gene

The claims cover all compounds/methods having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds/methods. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds/methods mentioned in the description.

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